

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Georgia
Program Title:	Special Initiatives and Cross-Cutting Issues
Pillar:	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective:	114-0410
Proposed FY 2004 Obligation:	\$6,000,000 FSA
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$0
Proposed FY 2005 Obligation:	\$5,100,000 FSA
Year of Initial Obligation:	FY 2004
Year of Final Obligation:	FY 2008

Summary: This multi-faceted Strategic Objective emphasizes three Special Initiatives (elections assistance, anti-trafficking, and anti-corruption) and three Cross-Cutting Issues (conflict prevention, regional water management, and youth as a resource). The three Special Initiatives respond to concerns that are relatively short-term, politically sensitive, or experimental. The three Cross-Cutting Issues are development challenges shared throughout USAID's Georgia program.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2004 Program:

Elections Assistance Special Initiative (\$2,200,000 FSA). This Special Initiative designed with Georgia's Presidential and Parliamentary elections in mind will support the costs for providing elections related training, election observers (domestic and international), exit polling services and post election training for the newly elected parliament members. The inputs provided during FY 2004 will inform Georgians on voter registration process, how to administer and manage the elections, and how to adjudicate electoral complaints. Principal grantees: NDI, IRI and IFES.

Anti-Trafficking Special Initiative (\$300,000 FSA). USAID will provide technical assistance for assessments and problem analyses; training for implementing partners and GOG agencies; and certain local costs for counseling services and establishing shelters. The three-pronged, five-year program intends to prevent trafficking in persons through (a) providing outreach and improved economic opportunities for vulnerable groups, (b) improving victims' access to crisis centers, shelters and other medical and psychological counseling, and (c) strengthening the capacity of GOG enforcement agencies to prosecute traffickers. Principal contractor/grantee: to be determined.

Anti-Corruption Special Initiative (\$200,000 FSA). This five-year experimental anti-corruption program weaves together all the anti-corruption activities planned to be carried out under the four Strategic Objectives (SOs) with additional SO level funding, leading to a more systematic approach to the problem contributing to synergies among the SO level efforts. Specific activities to be funded under this initiative are: (a) workshops to train implementing partners in the Europe & Eurasia Bureau's anti-corruption strategy known as TAPEE (Transparency, Accountability, Prevention, Enforcement, and Education), (b) identification of those corrupt behaviors most damaging to Georgia's transition that are within USAID's manageable interest, and (c) in-depth diagnoses of corruption in specific sectors in collaboration with USG Department of Justice advisors and Customs advisors. Principal contractor/grantee: to be determined.

Conflict Prevention Cross-Cutting Issue (\$1,500,000 FSA). USAID will provide technical assistance and training to implementing partners in conflict prevention approaches. The approach to conflict prevention will help stabilize the poorest and neglected outlying regions of Georgia with programs to be funded by that will support community-based small-scale public works, job creation, micro-credit facilities, counseling services for victims of violent conflict, and minority language public service announcements. Prime Contractor/Grantee: to be determined.

Regional Water Management Cross-Cutting Issue (\$300,000 FSA). USAID provides technical assistance, training and equipment for river flow monitoring. In case of drought, power shortages, or trans-border ecological issues the collegial relationships established among the three Caucasus countries are expected to contribute to the peaceful resolution of differences. Principal contractor/grantee: Development Alternatives, Inc., USA.

Youth as a Resource Cross-Cutting Issue (\$1,500,000 FSA). USAID will provide technical assistance, training and limited local cost support for implementing this program. The values, attitudes, and prejudices of Georgia's youth have been formed by a dozen year's of gradual de-modernization, unbridled corruption, and spiraling economic depression. This new activity intends to help youth prepare for the job market and participate more positively in the broader society through civic education. Principal contractor/grantee: To be determined.

FY 2005 Program:

Anti-Trafficking Special Initiative (\$500,000 FSA). The FY 2005 program will continue and build on the activities started in FY 2004. The recently passed anti-trafficking in persons law should be well into implementation by this time. Principal contractor: to be determined.

Anti-Corruption Special Initiative (\$600,000 FSA). Specific activities will be undertaken based on a review of FY 2004 program. Some of the activities proposed for the FY 2004 program may spill over into FY 2005. Principal contractor: to be determined.

Regional Water Management (\$500,000 FSA) - Conflict Prevention Cross-Cutting Issue (\$1,700,000 FSA). Ongoing exchanges will continue. Principal contractor: same as above.

Youth as a Resource Cross-Cutting Issue (\$1,800,000 FSA). Youth programs initiated in FY 2004 will be continued. Principal contractor: to be determined.

Performance and Results: Only one of the three Special Initiatives and one of the three Cross-Cutting Issues identified in this Strategic Objective 4.1 have more than a year of implementation. The other four are totally new and have yet to finalize their performance indicators or measurements of progress.

Elections Assistance Special Initiative: Georgian NGOs, politicians, and common citizens were sufficiently informed and committed to conducting free and fair Parliamentary elections they were able to argue convincingly before the Supreme Court for the annulment of the November 2003 elections. The President who was implicated in condoning and fostering fraudulent elections resigned from office under political pressure. While these sudden changes of political fortune are disruptive in the short run, USAID elections assistance is closely associated with this favorable result known as the bloodless "Rose Revolution," which bodes well for Georgia's long-term social and legal development.

Regional Water Management Cross-Cutting Issue: During FY 2003, technical and information exchanges have continued, but without any major breakthrough in regional relations.